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WASHINGTON (AP) -- A SECRET COUNTERINTELLIGENCE STUDY ORDERED BY PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS BEEN NARROWED TO OVERCOME INITIAL OBJECTIONS BY DEPUTY CIA DIRECTOR ADM. BOBBY R. INMAN AND OTHER TOP CIA AND FBI OFFICIALS. THREE GOVERNMENT SOURCES SAID THURSDAY.

THE SOURCES, ALL OF WHOM HAVE ACCESS TO INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT, SAID THAT AN AGENDA FOR THE STUDY WAS APPROVED WEDNESDAY BY AN INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP CHAIRED BY JOHN KOHLER, CHIEF OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY STAFF.

THE SOURCES SAID THAT THE AGENDA DID NOT CALL FOR WORK ON THE ORGANIZATION OF U.S. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AGENCIES OR ON SUCH ESOTERIC TOPICS AS DECEPTIVE SOVIET MISSILE TELEMETRY, TWO TOPICS THAT SOME TOP OFFICIALS HAD FEARED MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN THE STUDY.

INMAN, WHO ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION WEDNESDAY TO RESIGN FROM THE GOVERNMENT TO ENTER PRIVATE BUSINESS, HAD BEEN AMONG THOSE OFFICIALS SEEKING TO NARROW THE STUDY.

SOME SOURCES HAVE SAID THAT THE DISPUTE OVER THE STUDY MAY HAVE BEEN ONE FACTOR IN INMAN'S DECISION. BUT THOSE CLOSEST TO THE 51-YEAR-OLD ADMIRAL SAID THAT WAS A MINOR FACTOR COMPARED TO OTHERS SUCH AS HIS DESIRE TO CREATE A SECURE FINANCIAL FUTURE FOR HIS CHILDREN THROUGH MORE LUCRATIVE PRIVATE WORK.

THE SOURCES SAID THAT THE IDEA FOR THE STUDY BEGAN WITH VERY CONSERVATIVE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL STAFF AND THE SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE. IN THE PAST, THOSE MEMBERS HAVE CALLED FOR CENTRALIZED COUNTERINTELLIGENCE FILES AND A COUNTERINTELLIGENCE CHIEF OUTSIDE EXISTING AGENCIES WITH POWER TO ASSIGN THE CIA AND THE FBI VARIOUS TASKS.

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